

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the abstract on the cover page with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The invention provides a joiner for joining together panel members in edge to edge relationship, the joiner having a joining element [[110]] which defines a housing [[112]] which is adapted to engage within a cavity in one of the panel members, and another joining element [[120]] which at one end has a cavity engaging portion [[121]] adapted to engage within a cavity in the other panel member, and an elongate shaft [[130]] which extends away from portion [[121]] and which is provided with a plurality of teeth [[131]] spaced along the length thereof so as to form a rack portion, the two joining elements [[110, 120]] being slideable relative to one another by drive means which includes a driven worm gear [[150]] in mesh with the rack portion, and a worm gear actuator [[140]] arranged, upon rotation thereof, to drive the driven worm gear [[150]] whereby rotary motion of the worm actuator [[140]] is translated into linear motion only of the shaft [[130]]. --